

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, November 30.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00. Temperature, Max. 77; Min. 72. Weather, cloudy; valley showers.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1908.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

SITE EXCHANGE CONDEMNED IN STRONG TERMS

Commercial Bodies Pass Resolutions Against the Deal—Action Cabled to Cortelyou and the Delegate.

In no uncertain manner the commercial bodies of Honolulu took action yesterday in special meetings to voice a protest against any exchange of the Federal building site purchased for the Irwin site. The resolution adopted at the meeting of the Merchants' Association stated the general public disapproval of the proposed exchange and asked for delay in the consummation of the deal until the reasons against it could be presented. The report of the committee also suggested the taking of a postcard vote of the citizens in order that the fullest possible expression of opinion might be had to present to the Treasury Department.

At the Chamber of Commerce, the resolution adopted referred to the practically unanimous sentiment against the exchange, and also the "deep resentment" felt against the transaction under discussion. The committee report advised cabling to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the Delegate asking for a suspension of action in the matter. The report was adopted by a vote of thirty-six to two, E. I. Spalding and Richard Ivers composing the minority.

At both meetings the various remarks made were temperate in language but emphatic in the sentiments expressed.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

The meeting in the Chamber of Commerce room was representative and much above the average in point of attendance, thirty-eight members being present. These were:

F. C. Atherton, Arthur Berg, E. A. Berndt, W. A. Bowen, W. E. Brown, A. N. Campbell, Bruce Cartwright, Geo. P. Castle, W. R. Castle, C. M. Cooke, Geo. F. Davies, J. M. Dowsett, J. F. Hackfeld, W. L. Hopper, Richard Ivers, J. A. Kennedy, T. J. King, F. J. Lowrey, F. W. Macfarlane, J. A. McCandless, G. H. Robertson, F. A. Schaefer, E. I. Spalding, F. M. Swamy, E. D. Tenney, F. L. Waldron, G. P. Wilder, W. Wolter, H. P. Wood, A. A. Young, T. H. Petrie, A. Gartley, J. W. Waldron, J. H. Mackenzie, N. Watkins, A. W. T.

KAPAA WILL BE CUT UP

Irrigated Cane Lands to Become Small Farms—Survey Is Ordered.

An opportunity for the individual to engage in cane planting is to be given on the Kapaa lands.

Before Governor Frear left for Washington he gave directions for Mr. Harvey, of the survey department, to survey the Kapaa cane lands into lots of from seventy-five to one hundred acres each. These are then to be offered for lease under the fifteen year clause of the organic act under conditions, otherwise, which have not yet been fully determined on.

These lands are all under irrigation and the government owns sufficient

Bottomley, W. W. Hall, E. H. Wodehouse.

In the absence of the president and vice president, E. D. Tenney was nominated for the chair, and the report of the special committee was called for.

Report and Resolution.

F. J. Lowrey, chairman of the special committee, read the following report: "The committee to which was referred the matter of the reported exchange of the Federal building site, begs leave to report as follows:

"After reference to all the actions taken in selecting and acquiring the Mahuka site, it does not seem possible that an exchange can have been definitely agreed upon, but an inquiry to Washington has been made and it is a matter of regret that an answer has not yet been received.

"There seems to be practically a unanimous sentiment that the change should not be made, and there exists a deep resentment that an attempt should have been made to effect a change in the face of the general opinion that, all things considered, the Mahuka site was the most favorable to the great majority of those interested.

"The committee recommends that the Chamber send today a cable to the Honorable George B. Cortelyou, to read as follows:

Secretary Treasury, Washington: Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and community respectfully protest against change Federal building site and urge that action be suspended pending receipt written communications from Chamber Commerce.

"Also that a cable be sent at once to our Representative in Washington as follows:

Kalaniana'ole, Washington: Oppose any change Federal building site. Community united. Particulars mailed. Notify Perkins, Frear, Hatch.

COMMERCE.

"There is also submitted for your consideration a set of resolutions and a statement of facts, together with copies of correspondence, also attested copies of the petition for condemnation and the decree issued by the Federal court. The committee recommends that these papers, together with newspaper clippings, be forwarded to Washington by the Korea mail, together with any other pertinent matter (Continued on Page Five.)

water rights for all of them. The leases will contain conditions as to the use of the water designed to secure equitable distribution of it.

It is believed that this will offer opportunity for men of energy, but of comparatively small means to engage in cane planting under conditions giving prospect of success. The lands are midway between two sugar mills with railway connection possible and practicable with each, and every reason to believe that advantageous contracts for the grinding of cane can be made with one or the other of them.

Acting Governor Mott-Smith has just returned from Kauai, where this project among others was taken up on the ground.

Among other matters he took up was the matter of beach lots at Hanalei. The location of these was decided on. At Anahola lots on the flat will be laid out and sold.

At Kapaa everything was arranged for the disposition of the lots there. Some of these will be on the 999 year lease plan. The lots disposed of on this plan will consist of a house lot on the Kula land near the shore and about an acre of wet or taro land higher up. Lots will also be sold for cash payments and also on time payments.

A system of waterworks is being devised for this village at Kapaa.

A LOT OF CANDIDATES ARE OUT FOR POSTMASTERSHIP

A rumor comes from Washington that Postmaster Pratt is to have several competitors for the appointment of postmaster. Mr. Pratt has a large commercial backing here and a good pull at Washington, but the following gentlemen are said to be making a try for his job:

John Lane, backed by Delegate Kuhio and many working Republicans here. Consolation prize.

E. Towse, whose pull reaches Pratt's friends in Wyoming, was an original badged Taft boomer here.

George Ashmeier, who was formerly Marshal of the Provisional government. A. L. C. Atkinson, whom President Roosevelt knows and likes and who was next friend to the Longworths. Taught the Princess Alice surfboarding. Chairman of the Republican Territorial Committee and an original Taft man. Can jolly the Postmaster-General.

INVITATION TO THE SCIENTISTS

Committee Compiles Reasons Why Honolulu Should Be Chosen.

"I am very much interested in getting the American Association to meet at Honolulu. I should like to be with them there more than in any other country in the world. I can not think of any place within our boundaries where the Association would be so thoroughly delighted or find so much to interest and instruct them as at Honolulu, with the opportunity for excursions to Haleakala, on Maui; Kilauea and Hilo, on Hawaii; the Island of Kauai and the many other places of interest. The climate of Hawaii is as nearly perfect as may be. The coral reef, the volcano and the Aquarium—any of these would be alone reason enough to make a trip to Hawaii worth while to the naturalist. The people are hospitable to the highest degree, the hotels are thoroughly excellent, and there is everything to make this trip a red-letter day in the lives of any of the scientific men who may find it possible to attend."—Dr. David Starr Jordan.

The above is one of a great number of reasons to be presented to the several hundred members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, soon to meet at Baltimore for their winter meeting, why Honolulu should be selected by them as a meeting place for their summer session in 1910. The meeting place will be chosen this month, and if Honolulu be not selected it will not be because the committee looking after the interest of this place has not done good work or furnished excellent reasons by competent authorities for so choosing.

There reasons are to be presented to the scientists in the compact form of a twelve-page folder, now just off the press of the Gazette Company. There are fourteen contributors to the pamphlet and each of fourteen subjects is treated in a brief but comprehensive way by authorities. Governor Frear, under the heading of "Hawaii," presents the first reason, stating the advantages of Hawaii from climatic, scenic, social and industrial standpoints. This is followed by the tribute to Hawaii by Dr. David Starr Jordan, quoted above.

Other contributors, and the subjects on which they write, are: Dr. G. H. Perkins, State Geologist of Vermont, on geology; H. L. Van Dine, on entomology; Jared G. Smith, on botany; Wm. A. Bryan, on zoology; Dr. R. C. L. Perkins, on entomology; Dr. C. L. Montague Cooke, Jr., on marine biology; Dr. W. T. Brigham, on the Bishop Museum; Dr. E. V. Wilcox, on agriculture; Noel Deerr, on industrial chemistry; W. P. Kelley, on agricultural chemistry; W. H. Babbitt, on education, and Dr. L. E. Cofer, on sanitation.

The concise description of Hawaii given by Dr. Perkins, from a geologist's point of view, is one of the most alluring bits in the publication. He says:

"The Hawaiian Islands offer unusual opportunities for study to the geologist. From the day when approaching Honolulu, looking forward over the superb blue of the Pacific, he is welcomed by the old crater of Diamond Head until, homeward-bound, he reluctantly turns from the numberless craters, ash cones, lava beds, strange cliffs and more strange valleys and bays farewell to the then familiar landmark, every hour is full of lessons in world making. (Continued on Page Five.)

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEN FOR DIAMOND HEAD

Mounting of Great Mortar Battery on Crater Fortifications More Than Half Finished.

About one hundred and fifty coast artillerymen of the United States Army will man the mortar battery at the Diamond Head fortifications when they are completed and ready for service.

About ninety per cent. of the concrete construction work of the casemates, mortar nests and general defensive work has been completed, and between fifty and sixty per cent. of the mounting of the guns has been done. There are eight great mortars for this battery, which will be one of the strongest of its kind in the world.

Little is known of the character of this battery, as the work has been carried on with great secrecy and visitors are not often permitted on the reservation. The casemates are partially underground, running into the side of

ROAD JOBS TO BE CONSOLIDATED

County Engineer and Road Supervisor to Be Same Man.

It is reported on more or less substantial grounds that the office of County Engineer is to be wiped out when Mayor Fern picks up the reins of office and that that office is to be combined with that of Road Supervisor, with John Wilson in charge of the dual job. This will dispose of County Engineer Gere and Road Supervisor Cummins and make only one nomination fight necessary to fill both positions.

No authoritative statement to either confirm or deny this report could be obtained yesterday from those Democrats supposed to be in the confidence of Mayor Fern and his advisers, while the Republican leaders had heard only rumors of the proposed consolidation of offices and were not in a position to say much about it. Mr. Gere, himself, had heard the report, but did not know to what extent to credit it.

In the meanwhile he is going ahead with the round-the-island road, making splendid progress. Last month practically a mile of macadam was added to the two wings of this belt road, 1400 feet being completed in the Kaneohe district and 3500 in Waiialua. In the Ewa district, owing to recurring breakdowns of the rock crusher in use there, only grading has been going on for the past couple of weeks.

One section of this road, the important section, that on the Pali proper, is reported to be wearing out very fast. This is the section of road which the Board of Supervisors has authorized the oiling of on three or four separate occasions during the past year, which conserving work has been blocked as many times by Supervisor Dwight, chairman of the road committee, for reasons known only to himself.

The road accounts of the country districts for the year are now being got together for statistical purposes. The totals up to October 31 being in. From these totals it is learned that approximately \$100,000 will have been put on the out-of-town roads since January 1 last by the end of this year. Up to October 31, the various districts had received the following amounts on their roads, much of which has gone into the macadam belt road: Koolan-poko, \$23,966.84; Waiialua, \$24,244.90; Ewa, \$32,175.12; Waianae, \$4,218.14; Koolauloa, \$4,619.33. Total, \$89,224.33.

During the coming year it is expected that the belt road will be brought very near to completion. J. B. Castle has informed the county officials that by the beginning of the year he expects to have his Koolau lands in such shape as regards titles as to be able to negotiate with the county for a right-of-way through them to avoid the beach section at Kahana, so much dreaded by automobilists.

CHINESE FIRE TENDER FINDS ROOM ABLAZE

An opium-smoking Chinese tender of the fire in a poi factory in Palama, opposite the depot, built up a good blaze under the taro bulbs last night and lay down for a smoke. When he finished he discovered that the kitchen was on fire. His cries of "Fire!" caused on alarm to be sent in from box 52, but the fire department was not needed, the blaze being extinguished with a few buckets of water.

CHIEF BIGGY IS DROWNED IN A SUSPICIOUS WAY

Death of San Francisco's Police Chief Has Sinister Appearance—Disappears From Police Launch.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 1.—Chief of Police Biggy was drowned last night under suspicious circumstances. He had been across the bay on a visit to the house of Commissioner Keil and was returning in the police launch when he was suddenly missed from the boat. His body has not yet been recovered.

HAWAIIAN SUPREME COURT DECISION IS SUSTAINED

WASHINGTON, December 1.—The decision of the Supreme Court of Hawaii in the case of James L. Holt, Assessor, versus the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, has been sustained. This is a question of the right of the Assessor to garnishee the wages of sailors employed by the steamship company for taxes.

RAPID TRANSIT GETS DECISION.

The Hawaiian Supreme Court decision is reversed in the case involving the Rapid Transit Company's ten-minute service for Liliha street. The Hawaiian Court held that the courts rather than executive officers had jurisdiction over the company's schedule.

TERRITORY WINS AGAINST COTTON BROS.

The case of Cotton Bros. versus Hawaii, involving loss of a dredger, was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. A government dredger was alleged to have been lost by Cotton Bros., and the Territory sued to recover the sum of \$25,000. The decision of the Supreme Court sustains that given in the local courts.

OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, December 1.—Secretary of State Root and Ambassador Takahira have exchanged notes on an agreement between their respective governments defining the policies of America and Japan in the Far East. The text of the agreement will be published tomorrow.

TANG SHAO-YI REACHES WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, December 1.—Tang Shao-yi, the Special Chinese Ambassador sent to America to thank the American government in the name of China for the remission of the payment of the Boxer uprising indemnity and who is supposed to be empowered to transact other important diplomatic business, arrived here yesterday.

POSTOFFICE PERSONNEL CHANGES

WASHINGTON, December 1.—A bill has been prepared by the Postoffice Department for submission to Congress which abolishes the positions of four assistant postmasters general and creates the position of Director of Posts and provides for seven assistants.

CASTRO CANNOT VISIT PARIS

PARIS, December 1.—The French government has refused permission to President Castro of Venezuela to come to Paris. President Castro desires to go to Europe to undergo an operation.

REBELS NEARING HAYTIAN CAPITAL

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, December 1.—The revolutionists have occupied the town of Grandgoave, fifty miles distant.

BATTLESHIPS ON HOME STRETCH

MANILA, December 1.—The American Atlantic fleet sailed yesterday for home.

RECOVERING DISASTER VICTIMS.

PITTSBURG, Pennsylvania, December 1.—One hundred bodies have been now recovered from the galleries of the mine where the disastrous gas explosion occurred on Saturday.

VICTIMS OF THE COLD.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 30.—The Ventura boys frozen to death in the mountains were Clifford Tharp, Cuba Tharp and John Blaes.

CHINESE ESCAPE IMMIGRATION MEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 30.—Twenty-one Chinese immigrants escaped from the detention shed today.

NEW SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

WASHINGTON, November 30.—Herbert Satterlee will succeed Secretary of the Navy Newberry, who was appointed, vice Secretary Metcalf.

BRITT MATCHED FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, November 30.—Jimmy Britt, the American lightweight, and Johnny Summers have been matched to fight on February 22.

CHEFOO, China, November 30.—A collision between two Japanese steamers took place in the harbor today. It is reported that seven hundred people were drowned.

PEKING, November 30.—An edict of amnesty will be issued Wednesday.